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MEMORANDUM FOR: CHIEF OF STAFF, US ARMY

SUBJECT: Periodic Report on Actions to Increase Readiness to Meet the Berlin Situation

1. (U) Reference memorandum OCS, dated 7 March 1959, subject as above.

2. (S) This report covers the period 2 May to 16 May 1959. The status of significant measures being taken by Headquarters, Department of the Army, to improve the Army readiness to meet the Berlin situation is summarized by subject as follows:

A. FIREPOWER

(1) Expedited deployment of 26th Field Artillery Detachment (Missile Warhead Support-CORPORAL) to UBAEUS. (Reported in Memorandum of 23 March 1959).

Deployment of the 26th US Army Field Artillery Detachment (Missile Warhead Support-CONFORMAL) was expedited to support the UK CORPORA Regiment stationed in Dortmund, Germany. A readiness date at home station of 20 April 1959 was established, with a port call date of 26 April and departure by air on the same date. The detachment departed on schedule and arrived in Frankfurt, Germany on 29 April 1959.

(2) Limited SSN Nuclear Capability for NIKH RESCUES in Europe. (Reported in Memorandum of 6 April 1979).

Ordnance support personnel in Europe are capable of performing necessary test and maintenance procedures. Air defense personnel (NINE HERCULES) in Europe can be technically capable of firing a surface-to-surface mission by 27 May 1959. Units require additional on-the-job training.

b. PERSONNEL.

(1) Deployment of armored packets for the 4th Armored Division. (Reported in Memorandum of 6 April 1959).

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The shipment of armored packets for the 4th Armored Division has been completed with the last packet departing the COMUS on 5 May 1969.

(2) USAREUR civilian authorized strengths being increased through end FY 69 by 15 spaces for the Mutual Assistance Program Inventory Control Point. (BLUE TAB 1).

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Blue Tab 1 - Personnel

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